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Testimony In Favor of
Nomination of Robert Klee to be
Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

I am Martin Mador, 130 Highland Ave., Hamden, CT 06518. I am the volunteer Legislative Chair for the Connecticut Chapter of the Sierra Club. I hold a Masters of Environmental Management degree from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.

The Sierra Club-Connecticut Chapter heartily endorses the nomination of Robert Klee. We have worked with him since his appointment as Chief of Staff to the department. We find his environmental values, knowledge, expertise, training and background strong preparation for this position. His communication and outreach skills are strong. His knowledge of the department is of course encyclopedic.

Especially with the recent addition of the Energy Bureau, including PURA, to the department, the demands on a Commissioner are extensive, and require someone of considerable capacity to provide the necessary leadership.

We have been pleased to work with him on a wide range of environmental priorities in the past three years. As an organization working in the public interest to protect the environment, the Sierra Club looks forward to continued collaboration with him and the department. Under Klee's leadership, we will continue to expect strong and appropriate environmental protections and standards, within of course the limited resources available.